



EDITORIAL: CEA withholds grades

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The Connecticut Education Association, the state's largest teachers union, has refused to release the rankings of the state's congressional delegation by its national parent. It has refused the request of the three Republicans in the delegation to release their grades.

Since all three got an "A" from the National Education Association, they say, they want the results made public. Certainly, for a least two of the representatives, Christopher Shays and Rob Simmons, who are believed to be in tight races for re-election, confirmation of their excellent records supporting teachers and education would be a boost.

Like eight other state chapters of NEA, Connecticut is withholding the grades while it considers its endorsements for the fall elections. Endorsing the opponent of someone who has a top rating on education issues would require an explanation that the CEA may be reluctant to make. Waiting to back candidates with excellent records when that support would be helpful now is no way to keep proven friends in Congress.